

III. Remarks

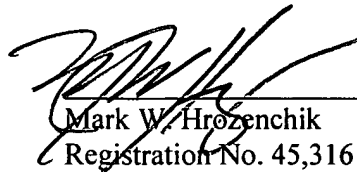
Paragraph numbers have been added to the specification for the Examiner's convenience when reviewing the application.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 2-7 are original. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 1 is independent.

Claim 1 has been amended in a preliminary amendment in advance of substantive examination of the claims. This claim has been amended for clarity. No new matter has been added. Consideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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